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Arbuckle, On Witness Stand, Denies Guilt

Comedian Denies Harming Girl; Says He Found Her Writhing With Pain

COURTROOM CROWDED

Defendant Says He Was Not Responsible For Party; Defense Rests Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28. - (By the Associated Press)-Roscoe Arbuc kle, motion picture comedian, spoke his first lines today in the tragic drama of which he has been the central figure since its inception September 5 last. Arbuckle told from the witness stand his own story of the happenings at a party in his rooms at the Hotel St. Francis here, which preceded by a few days the death of Virginia Rappe, one of those who attended. It ed injuries which caused her death, the prosecution contends, and it is this allegation that forms the basis of Arbuckle's trial, now drawing to a close on the charge of manslaughter.

would exonerate Arbuckle of any responsibility

Miss Rappe's injury. Everyone concerned regarded toscene of the drama. The expectation authorized police stations, and telethat Arbuckle would testify drew a large crowd for the morning session and word that he already was on the stand drew one of about the same size; for the afternoon sitting of court.

Denies Injuring Girl Due to the failure of the defense to past two years. qualify a witness it had summoned as an expert, Arbuckle took the stand its request to encroachments on her before the time set for him to do so, sovereignty not sanctioned by treaty, His direct examination was completed When the proper place on the agenin 20 minutes, his attorneys leading da was reached, he added, the delegahim over the ground to be covered in tion was expected to make its plea such a short time that it surprised for the removal of foreign legation many in the court room.

nied that he inflicted the injuries on communications, and certain other tries. Miss Rappe that have been charged troops and foreign police authorized

When I went into my room during the party to dress for an engagement I had with a friend, Mrs. May Taube, I found Miss Rappe on the bathroom floor, writhing and moaning," he said. When I opened the door of the bathroom, it struck against her.

"I assisted her in the bathroom all I could. Then I placed her on the bed nese authorities, are in south Canin my room and continued to assist churia, Shantung and on the border her. She was moaning and writhing of inner Mongolia. The supances use and nothing she said could be under- troops to police the south Manchur-

Where was Mrs. Delmont?" he was along the Chinese eastern railroad. asked by his chief counsel. Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont,

guest at the party, brought the origipal charge of murder against Arbuckle, which later was reduced in police president of the Interstate Merchants' court hearing to the manslaughter charge on trial.

"Mrs. Delmont appeared while

YOUTHFUL BANDIT, MISTAKING COMPANIONS FOR DETECTIVES, ADMITS CRIME, GIVES UP LOOT

DETROIT, Nov. 28. - Mistaking for detectives (wo fellow travelers on a Michigan Central train arriving here today, John Petkewicz, 17, confessed to them he had participated in the \$28,000 payroll holdup outside the A. G. Walton and company shoe factory at Chelsea, Mass., last Saturday. He turned over \$5000 in cash which he said was his share. "I know you are detectives," he told M. J. McLonough, of Detroit and M. M. Coney, of Chicago. They questioned him at length manded the return of the money. They turned him over to the police.

Two Others Sought

BOSTON, Nov. 28. - With the arrest today at Detroit of a young man giving the name of John Petkewicz, and the recovery of \$5000, police authorities here said they were satisfied three of the five men and \$26,000 of the \$28,-000 involved in the robbery of a bank messenger at Chelsea, Saturday, were accounted for. They

Not Authorized by Treaty, Taken Up by Committee

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. - (By the p. m., after a vain attempt to obtain for the withdrawal of foreign troops, admission into the record of a state- not sanctioned by treaty, from Chi-Chinese delegation today. Con ation went over until tomorrow. Coupled with the Chinese proposal

was a request for the removal of un-The Chinese delegation, it is understood, based its argument virtual-

iy on that presented at Versailles by the Chinese peace delegation, but included data covering events of the Dr. Alfred Sze said China confined

guards, troops stationed along the In a clear, loud voice, Arbuckle de- Peking-Mukden railroad to protect after the Boxer uprisings.

Unauthorized foreign troops, according to uninese officials, are most ly Japanese, with only a handful of British troops sent in 1918 to Kashgar, Chinese Turkestan, to protect a

postol station. Japanese soldiers, according to Chi ian railroad. They also have troops

MERCHANTS CONVENE

Council, organization of which was Sea. completed at a meeting of retail merchants from 29 states, representing 345 retail stores

New Haven Theatre Die;

Number Injured Is 125

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ceeds 125.

Mexican Arrested For Theft Two More Victims of Fire in Is Suspected of Part in Abduction of Judge Jack

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 28. - Augustine Jaramillo, who was arrested The death list resulting from last in Nogales, Sonora, today, on a charge of having robbed the home of Baine Roark in this city Saturday increased to five tonight when Miss night, was identified today, officials Mabel Moran of Derby, and Allen said, as one of the men wanted on Keith a Yale student, died from burns kidnaping charges growing out of the received when flames swept the stories told by William Jack, justice crowded moving picture house. of the peace of Douglas, and C. P. Eid-) Police tonight arrested W. L. Carson of Beeville, Texas.

Jack and Eidson claimed they were warrant charging him with selling kidnaped in an effort to prevent them standing room admissions in violafrom testifying for the state at the tion of the law. trial of W. H. Smith, former city clerk of this city, who recently was nesses at an inquest tonight, reiteratconvicted here on a charge of em- ed his belief that the fire started

Manuel Alcoverde and Gabriei Cons to draperies used on the stage as a both of Nogales, Sonora, also were setting for the prologue of a filmarrested in that city a few days ago, play. charged with having been implicated in the alleged kidnaping.

and the latter, beginning to susare seeking two other men.

was at this party that the girl receiv- Removal of Japanese Forces, Italy Expected to Hold Out For Right to Navy Equal To That of France

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- (By the Tokio The defense closed its case at 5:25 Associated Press.) - China's case Associated Press)- Proposals of the Constituting the first concrete ap-French delegation dealing with the plication of the principle of the Chi- fices of the firm Friday, he announced French view of what their naval ratio nese administrative integrity as dement by George Glennon, house detective at the Hotel St. Francis, which, the Far Eastern committee by the should be under the American limitative at the Hotel St. Francis, which, the Far Eastern committee by the should be under the American limitative integrity as described in the "four points" of Elihu His business associates declared the flow of the first should be under the American limitative integrity as described in the "four points" of Elihu His business associates declared the flow of the first should be under the flow of tion plan will be presented at the first Root, the postal agreement is to be followed tomorrow by another provid opportunity. This became known to- ing for gradual abolition of the sysnight following the return here of Ad- tem of extra territorial rights under miral de Bon and his staff.

tonnage equal to that of Japan as com- sanction be withdrawn. pared with the United States.

Italian naval proposals which, like abeyance pending settlement of the the most troublesome questions of status of the United States, England the Far East. Some forces which and Japan, are said to be based on est the Chinese declare are in China timates which call for a capital ship standing equalling that of France. It is regarded as possible that French and Italian naval advisers

strength of the fleets of the two coun-The French view seems to be definite that Italian requirements would not be more than three fourths of their own. Before the war, it was pointed out, French and Italian navies were on a 8-6 ratio, while today, as a result of France's inability to continue naval

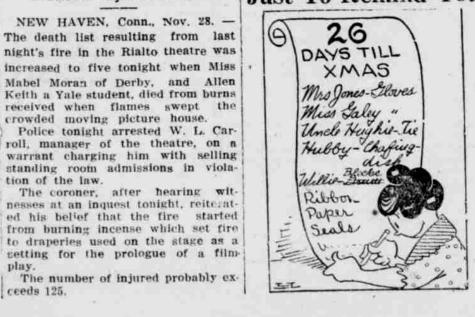
may fail to agree as t othe relative

French naval experts consider their communications from France to Indo-China and their extensive Asiatic coast line as requiring a fleet as large as that of Japan which has no such element in their naval estimates, and CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Paul Davis, of they have besides a country bounded, weather bureau here. It was said Waterloo, Iowa, today was elected as they say, by "three seas," the Med that a crest of 25 feet, three feet

> France may not, it is said, be in a position now to build to the size of portions are being fixed for a long period, the French desire to have the right to construct a navy of 300,000

ons ratio. Italy, according to her experts. needs a navy sufficient to protect: Eastern Railroads her coasts extending for 4,375 miles along three seas, the Adriatic, the Ion ian and Mediterranean; her colonies in northern Africa, the Red Sea, and east Africa; her trans-Atlantic co merce. Since the collapse of Russia

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Postal Systems to Be Withdrawn by Foreigners

Up Plan For Abolishing All Extra Privileges

and postal systems from China, The decision was conditioned only pearance came in the following mes-

on the maintenance by China of ef- sage, recon the maintenance by China of ef- the ship: ficient postal facilities, including rerector general acts as advisor to the 1, 1923, virtually was agreed upon as ant Colonel Whittlesey through his the date of withdrawal, the Japanese relatives. alone withholding fina; approvat on that point pending consultation with

which a dozen foreign governments While no official forecast of the have set up their own courts in Chi-French view has been disclosed, the na and by a discussion of China's delegation is understood to be ready; request that foreign troops quartered t aosk for an aggregate capital ship within her borders without treaty

Trouble Looms Ahead The question of troop withdrawal those of France, have been held in may lead the delegates into some of (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

Defied Capture Although Surrounded, Disappears

OTHER DECISIONS NEAR ABSENCE IS MYSTERIOUS

For Soldier's Act; Ship Wires Stateroom Empty

China from foreign influences, the disappeared from the steamship To arms conference agreed today on the lea on which he sailed Saturday for withdrawal of foreign post offices Havana, according to a wireless today News of the famous soldier's disap-

"Passenger named C. W. Whittlesey tention of the present comestic or-ganization by which a French co-di-Cofficials of the United Fruit Lin Officials of the United Fruit Line operators of the ship, confirmed the Chinese postal authorities. January fact that the passenger was Lieuten-

Not In Bad Health

Members of Whittlesey's law firm here were at a loss to account for his visit to Cuba. When he left the of his intention, they said, of attendin

His business associates declared b mind was clear and that he apparently He seemed cheerful, they added, and his seemingly strange action in going away without notifying them of his plans.

C. W. Whittlesey, the soldier's un cle, declared tonight Colonel Whittlesey attended the services for the un known dead at Washington on Armis tice Day, and had since appeared de-

Colonel Whittlesey, who was 36 and unmarried, lived in a bachelor apart-

To Second Floors; Ohio Is Rising Rapidly

PITTSURG, Nov. 28. - Heavy distant communications. The French rains today over the watersheds of Near Eastern interests, including the Monongahela-Youghiogheny and their mandate over Syria, is another Kiskiminetas rivers brought a flood warning from the United States iterranean, the Atlantic and the North above flood stage, would be reached by noon tomorrow at Pittsburg. where the Monongahela and Allegheny join to form the Ohio. Late tothe Japanese navy, but as naval pro-night, residents were moving to the second floors. Reports were that the Ohio river

is rising rapidly at all points.

Outside Companies

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. - Reports that several of the large eastern rail-Just To Remind You reads had leased their repair shops to outside companies or were considering plans to conclude such leases were confirmed today by railroad exe ratio of 70 per cent in tonnage of cap- might create an unpleasant feeling cutives. .

effect greater economies in operation, college, and chief naval adviser to lieve a 70 per cent ratio, as compared the interests of the Japanese empire, sies over rules and working condi- Associated Press tonight in an inter- Britain, is necessary." tions, had prompted the roads to relinquish control of their shops, thus removing repair work from jurisdicthe established wage scale which the latter insists shall be paid. It was announced today that the

Eric had leased its operating freight heartedly," he entinued, "and is prestations at Elmira, Euffalo and Bing- pared to scrap capital ships under hampton, N. Y., and was preparing construction and old battleships. The to lease its shops at Youngstown, O., naval ratio is a question or grave conto a private firm.

All Foreign Postoffices and Lieut. Col. Whittlesey, Who

Conference Will Today Take Friends Unable to Account

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.) — Taking its first direct action toward liberation of the famous "Lost Battalion," has

sage, received from the captain of

pressed

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ment here. When he appeared at

Nothing Can Prevent Passage of Vets' Measure WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. - Sena-

tor Watson, Republican, Indiana, disnight matters which may be included in the message to congress next week upon which the president is working.

As his personal opinion, Senator Watson expressed the belief that "nothing in the world" could prevent cnactment during the regular session of a bonus bill. One new source of revenue had become available, he said, through the announced intention of the British government to begin annuel payments of approximately \$200,000,000 on the war debt to the United States.

Lord Robert Cecil KA Opposes Plan For Giving Up League JAPAN

Declares It Would Be "Madness" to Switch Support To New Association

LONDON, Nov. 28. - Alluding in a speech at Letchworth tonight to the suggestion that the Washington conference might develop into a close association of nations in the future, Lord Dobert Cecil said the league of nations was actually in working order, and that "it would be worse than madness to abandon it for the hope of putting anything in its place unless we know exactly what it is." He thought it would have been better to postpone the reparations payments until Europe recorded its industrial property, and added:

"Everybody should cease looking at these questions with the war mind, but in fact, I see little sign of any new way of approaching any of our problems."

U. S. Naval Experts Expected To Report Today Favoring No Change in Proposal

ward agreement on the principles c cluded their inter-group discussion of val building holiday and naval limita- jer factors are concerned. was in good health when last seen Secretary Hughes' proposals for a nadeclared they were unable to explain tion thereafter may result tomorrow that they were the total indicated from the meeting of the full committee of naval experts to which the task the conference delegates without recof detailed examination of the plar

was referred. The experts have completed their analysis of the major elements of the plan and it can be said authoritatively for the American group that no tech- naval strength were correct. Prenical flaw in the Hughes proposals has been revealed.

The American basic offer of a 5-3" naval ratio between Great Britain lian attitude has not been formally the United States and Japan has stor | disclosed. in American opinion, every test of tion. And it is tonight, as it was day Secretary Hughes announced it. the hub of the whole matter.

The American experts are expected known. to report that the basis of the fact underlying the American plan was stated. What action British or Jaanese experts may take is not known.

for the British group, and of Admiral fore the conference is still to be dis-Kato for the Japanese, in replying to closed. Secretary Hughes, will prove to have Vice Admiral Kato, in his statement as to the fact upon which the added: plan was predicated. In the Ameritained.

answering questions today, but t' are understood to have had to do with feat its purpose." the subsidiary elements of the plan. into formal agreement at an early to Japan in view of American inter-CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE

Arms Conference Approaches Its First Great Decision as Nippon Opposes Hughes

AMERICA DETERMINED

Uncle Sam's Delegates Stand Firm on Claim That 5-5-3 Estimates Reasonable

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (By the Associated Press.) - The arms conference is approaching its first great

It was announced tonight by Vice Admiral Kato, chief Japanese naval expert, that Japanese seek a 70 per cent naval ratio. It also was anneunced with equal authority that the American delegation stood firmly on Secretary Hughes' "5-5-3" ratio proposal, which means a 60 per cent status for Japan. The conference ultimately must reconcile these two views, or accept one or the other to

reach an agreement. Vice Admiral Kato said the 70 per cent ratio was the minimum neces-

sary for Japanese security. The American view is that the 70 per cent ratio is the maximum naval strength that could be accepted in view of the American liabilities in

the Pacific. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- (By the Tomorrow, naval experts of the five Associated Press)-Definite steps to powers will meet. They have conthat they would return the matter to emmendations for important modifica

Both Sides Determined

The American experts are stisfied that the original estimates of sumably the British officers are in accord with the American view in many respects. The French and Ita-

Yet there was some indication that fact applied by the experts. It embod action by the committee of experts ied no mistakes or errors of calcula- to sustain the American estimate of ed. Whether Japanese experts would submit minority reports was not

In any event, it seems that the scene of action will be transferred this week to the committee room. Presumably the Japanese group is pre The report, however, will clear the partd to continue its argument there construction during the war, it is only Residents Reported Moving Indiana Republican Declares way for action by the conference on the American "10-10-7" fleet ratio instead of American officials are very hopeful what extent Japanese insistence may that the utterances of A. J. Balfour be carried in committee or sater be-

> been widely construed in that way at ment, declared that the 70 per cent cussed with President Harding to the time, but, necessarily, whatever ratio was "the minimum of scrength was then said was subject to an agree required" for Japan's security. He

"People of all countries inuits be in can view, those facts have been sus- full agreement as to limitation or armament. Otherwise, even though Naval experts were still asking and an agreement may be made, it might create an unpleasant feeling and de-

For competent American naval op-The capital ship figures were appar- inion, it may be said with authority ently beyond the stage of technical that the "5-5-3" proposal is viewed discussion and ready for translation as the absolute maximum concession

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Leasing Shops to Kato Says Japan Is Ready To Scrap Ships With Other Powers, But Must Be Protected

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. - (By the | "People of all countries must be in | er cannot be compared to that It was explained that the desire to Kato, president of the Japanese naval desires of the Japanese people, I be- emphasize again, that to safeguard together with the recent controver- the Japanese delegation, said to the with the United States and Great

the reduction of armament burdens.

"Japan accepts this issue wholelior her security.

Associated Press.) - To sateguard full agreement. Otherwise, even America. property, the interests of Japan, the though an agreement may be made, it ital shops is necessary, Vice Admiral and defeat its purpose. To meet the interests of all concerned. Let me

Vice Admiral Kato, who is regard- of armaments, is to relieve the burec as the leading Japanese authority dens of the nations, Japan has shown cause the main purpose of the prestion of the railroad labor board and on naval strategy, declared that the her hearty accord to the idea, and has main issue for the conference was agreed to the wholesale scrapping of capital ships under construction, as not the principal issue. well as old ships. This practically means that the great purpose of the

conference has been attained. "When you think about the sacriour industrial and shipbuilding pow- to the replacement of ships.

"The preamble to the American proposals says that the United States believes that the plan safeguards the a 70 per cent is necessary. If the ratio of 70 per cent is accorded Ja-"The main issue in the limitation pan, this does not mean the purpose of the conference is defeated, beent meeting is limitation of armaments. The relativity of tonnage is

He contended that the capacity of Japan to replace her warships was infinitely less than the United States. Japan, he said, would be quite unable fice made by the nations represented, with her present ship building and incern to the security of the nations. It seems clear that the degree of sac- dustrial strength, and taking into ac-The New York Central also has ! hope that the United States will ac- rifice is great for Japan. It means count the paucity of her raw mateleased its repair shops at Toledo, O., cept the 70 per cent for Japan, which that it would be felt more keenly by, rials, more especially steel, to enand East Buffalo, N. Y., to a private is the minimum of strength required us than by the United States, because gage successfully in competition as